

RESOLUTION R-85-1

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGES IN MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION
LAW BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

WHEREAS, new growth has occurred along highway frontage on
perimeters of cities which is unwilling to be annexed into
the city; and

WHEREAS, fringe area residents and businesses benefit from
existence of the city through use of its roads, parks and
police department which are funded by property and sales
taxes but share none of the costs; and

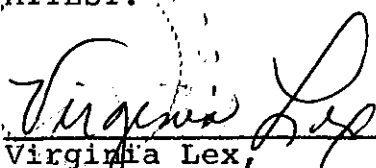
WHEREAS, a city is helpless to control substandard con-
struction and development patterns of its outskirts; long
range planning or enforcement of codes cannot prevent un-
wanted and detrimental development;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SOMERSET, that the lack of power of General Law
Cities to unilaterally annex severely restricts its capabi-
lity to determine their destiny; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of
Somerset, that it is a situation that is inconsistent with
any concept of fair and equal taxation and should be recti-
fied by passage of Section 7c to the Municipal Annexation
Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of
Somerset, this 21st day of February 1985.

ATTEST:


Virginia Lex,
City Clerk


K. Dale Hicks, Mayor